Memorandum of Understanding

between the

Ship Structure Committee

and the

Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING for cooperation between the Ship Structure Committee (SSC) (an intergovernmental agency advisory committee) and the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (SNAME) (a not-for-profit New York Corporation). SSC and SNAME shall be referred to hereafter as organizations whenever addressed jointly.

PREAMBLE: The SSC and SNAME both have long histories of research, development, education and service to the maritime industry. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes a formal relationship between the two organizations to cooperate in these efforts resulting in mutual benefits. This MOU provides the ground rules for an enhanced research and development program for the member agencies of the SSC, SNAME's membership at large, and the maritime industry.

GOAL: The goal of this MOU is to establish a formal relationship to strengthen both organizations research and development programs.

The goal of the MOU will be met by achieving the following nonexclusive list of objectives:

OBJECTIVE 1: Development of project ideas that support the SNAME and SSC Strategic Plans for consideration by each organization for funding.

Starting January 1999, SNAME shall submit to the SSC Executive Director, via the Technical and Research Steering Committee, project ideas to be considered for funding by the SSC in the following fiscal year (*i.e. projects submitted in January 1999 will be considered for funding in fiscal year 2000*).

Project ideas shall be submitted to the SSC by January 30 of each calendar year in accordance with sections IX and X of the SSC Organization Manual.

Notice of project selection for funding by the SSC shall be provided to SNAME by June 30 of each calendar year.

Contracting of each project selected for funding by the SSC shall commence each October immediately following the notice of availability of fiscal year funds.

OBJECTIVE 2: Provide mutual benefit to the research and development programs of both organizations.

Each jointly sponsored project will be advertised, published and disseminated to the maritime industry in this light through each respective organization's mediums for advertising.

Contracting for funding of selected individuals or organizations to accomplish projects will be (A) provided independently by both organizations, or (B) by SNAME utilizing SSC funding, or (C) by SSC utilizing SNAME funding.

The resulting combined funding by both organizations shall be used as a tool to generate increased participation from within each organization's membership.

Notice of this relationship shall be an integral part of advertising the organizations research and development programs.

OBJECTIVE 3: Utilize the membership of each organization to benefit from the resulting research and development products.

Review of projects by the memberships of both organizations provides an improved mechanism to introduce new technologies into industry with the input and knowledge of regulators, insurers, owners, designers, builders and operators.

This agreement will become effective upon the date of signature by the representatives of the organizations. It shall extend through calendar year 2001. At that time the agreement shall be subject to review and may be renewed if mutually agreed.

For the Ship Structure Committee		For the Society of Naval Architects	
Robert C. North,		and Marine Engineers	
Rear Admiral, United States Coast Guard		Mr. Jos'e Femenia	
Chairman		President	
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